

## Acquired Brain Injury

– a little understood yet prevalent condition

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) is a prevalent condition that is not adequately understood by social workers. People who have an ABI may well be seen by social workers working in adult and children's settings, but ABI may not be the presenting problem. People with ABI can present as having behavioural, mental health, or substance misuse problems or a learning difficulty.

Social workers need to improve their understanding of ABI in order to serve people well and meet the requirements of the Care Act guidance and the Children's Act.

The British Association of Social Work and the Brain Injury Social Work Group have co-produced a publication, *Practice Guidance for Social Workers working with people where there may be an Acquired Brain Injury*, which is included with this issue of *Professional Social Work*.

The Practice Guidance is also available online at:  
[www.basw.co.uk/abi\\_practice\\_guidance](http://www.basw.co.uk/abi_practice_guidance)

### WORKSHOPS

To support the publication of this guidance BASW and BISWG are running a series of workshops to improve understanding of acquired brain injury.

#### The aims of the workshops are:

- To improve social workers knowledge of Acquired Brain Injury
- To explore how an understanding of Acquired Brain Injury can improve assessments in relation to The Care Act, The Mental Capacity Act, the Mental Health Act and The Children's Act
- To help social workers improve their assessment skills by introducing a simple assessment tool – The Brain Injury Needs Indicator (BINI) developed by the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust
- To signpost social workers to sources of further help and information

The workshop will be delivered by a mixture of Case Studies and discussion.

**26th January 2017**

London, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors

**2nd February 2017**

Birmingham, BASW HQ

**23rd February 2017**

Manchester, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors

Attendance fee: £25 per person – refreshments and course materials are included.

CPD certificates will be issued.

Please contact Chloe Hayward 07501 483989 or email [info@biswg.co.uk](mailto:info@biswg.co.uk) to book a place or book online at [www.biswg.co.uk/events](http://www.biswg.co.uk/events)

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The Brain Injury Social Work Group  
connecting brain injury professionals



## BISWG Booking Form Practice Guidance Events

Please print clearly and indicate which event you wish to attend;

- 26th January 2017**, Irwin Mitchell, London (**£25 per person**)
- 2nd February 2017**, BASW HQ, Manchester (**£25 per person**)
- 23rd February 2017**, Irwin Mitchell, Manchester (**£25 per person**)

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